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A visit to a zoo is long remembered by boys and girls. This book highlights one of the most exciting moments in a day at the zoo. When the animals are fed, there is always the chance to hear all the different sounds they make. But, parents and teachers can also make use of the concept of the balanced diet.

Children will enjoy the challenge of trying to remember the several different kinds of foods that the various animals eat. It is interesting that some of the foods are the same ones that boys and girls like.

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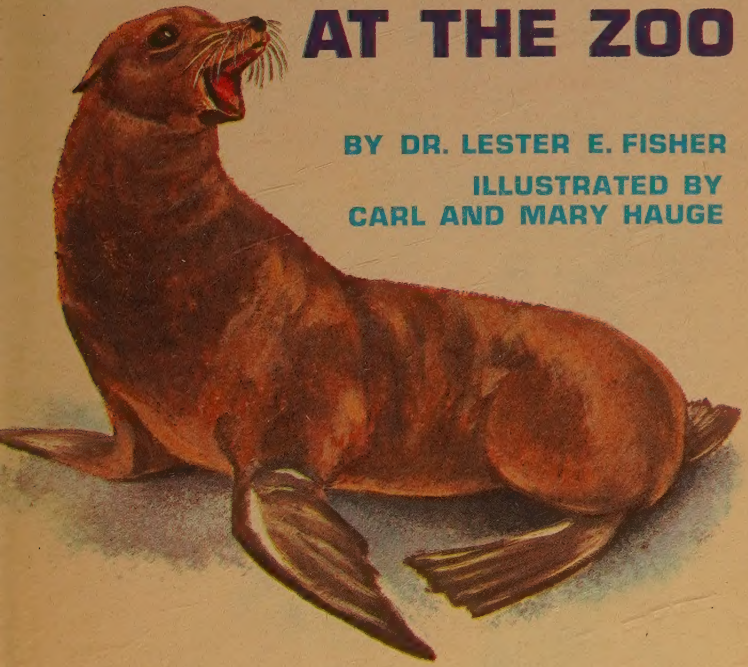

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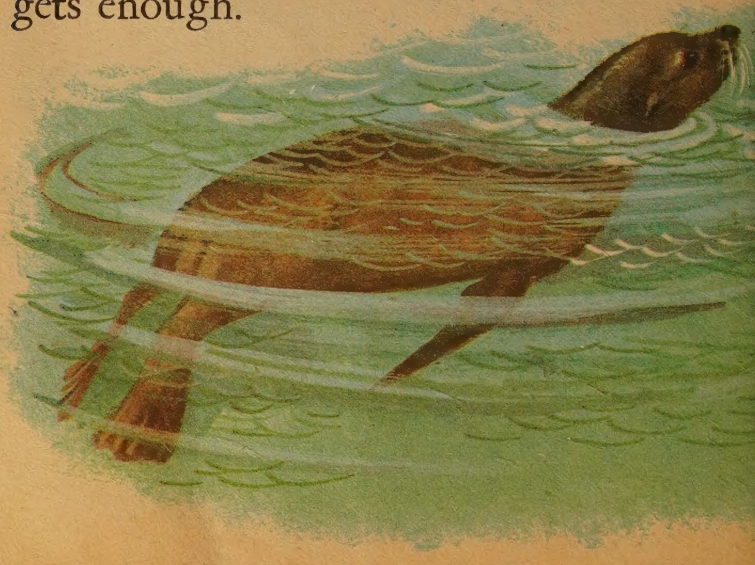
It's feeding time at the zoo! Let's visit the animals and see what they have to eat.

ZOO

SPIDER MONKEYS

Zoo keepers are careful that each animal gets food he likes. In the monkey house, monkeys are munching on apples and bananas and carrots and other fruits and vegetables. They also have a special "monkey biscuit" that is something like a dog biscuit.

At the sea lion pool, the zoo keeper is throwing fish to the sea lions. They race about the pool barking and begging for a share. When the zoo keeper tosses a fish to one of the sea lions, he catches it neatly in his mouth and swims away. The keeper makes sure that each one gets enough.



Bears like fish, too, but they are also fed meat, bread, carrots, apples, and dog meal. In fact, bears like almost everything. And in spite of their regular meals, they still beg for peanuts, marshmallows, and ice-cream cones from visitors.

POLAR
BEAR

Hear the lions and tigers roaring! They know it is their feeding time, and they pace up and down their cages, watching for the keeper. Lions

and tigers and leopards eat raw meat. The zoo keepers carefully weigh the pieces given them so that each animal gets the right amount.

Elephants are big eaters. Every day a full-grown elephant must have about 120 pounds of hay, 18 to 20 pounds of vegetables, half a peck of

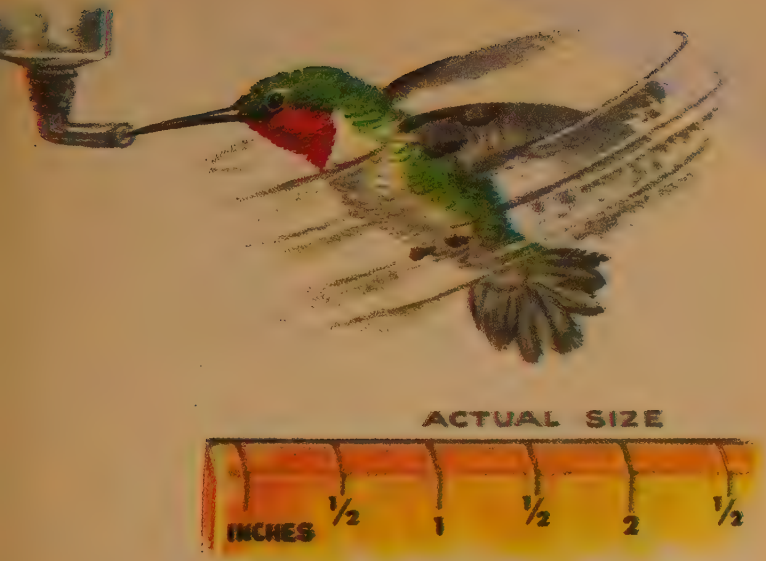
bran meal, and several loaves of bread. Besides this, the elephant will drink 50 gallons of water, and still have room for peanuts and popcorn.

Out in the wilds, porcupines gnaw at trees to get the sweet inner bark to eat. In the zoo, they can't have whole trees to gnaw, but they

are given twigs and bark, and also grains, bread, and vegetable greens. Porcupines are very fond of salt, so this is a part of their diet, too.

Camels are much better fed in the zoo than when they are running wild. Wild camels eat any kind of plant they can find, no matter how tough it is. But in the zoo they get good hay, mixed grain, carrots, and salt blocks.

Other grazing animals, like the zebra and deer, get much the same kind of food.



In the Bird House are many different kinds of birds who eat different kinds of food. The parakeets want seeds. The tiny humming bird sips a sweet liquid made of sugar and water which is fed to him in a special tube-like container.

The penguins want minnows and fish. The ducks want grass and grain.

Animals in the zoo soon learn that they will get good food. They are always happy when they see the zoo keeper bringing it. Wouldn't it be fun to watch another feeding time?

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